

B1 allows tabs 60 and 62 to at least be partially received within openings 40 and 42 to restrain rotation of the backing plate relative to the terminal base. In this position, stake 54 is then formed by punching in end 52 of shank 44. The formation of the stake 54 creates deformation or deformed portion 56 in external thread 50 to limit the amount the screw can be backed out of the terminal base bore.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 4 and 11 as follows:

1. A terminal assembly, comprising:

a terminal base having a bore with a internal thread;

B2 a screw having a shank with opposite first and second ends and with an external thread, and having a head on said first end of said shank, said second end of said shank being circular and substantially planar; and

a deformation in a portion of said external thread adjacent said second end of said shank, said deformation being a stake formed in said second end of said shank and extending along a chord of said second end transverse to the longitudinal axis of the shank;

whereby said deformation limits removal of said screw from said bore.

B3 4. A terminal assembly according to claim 1 wherein

said stake is offset from and extends perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said shank.

B4 11. A terminal assembly, comprising: